United States Coast Guard

Rape and Sexual Assault Program

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Coast Guard Policy

- The Coast Guard has Zero Tolerance for Rape and Sexual Assault
- Rape and Sexual Assault are violations of our core values – Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty
- One Case Is Too Many

What has the Coast Guard done?

- Revision of COMDTINST 1754.10, focuses on:
  - Accountability of Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge
- Responsible for ensuring the sensitive, coordinated and effective management of rape and sexual assault cases
- Immediate notification to Coast Guard Intelligence Service (CGIS)
- CGIS primary investigating office, helped move discretion on disciplinary action away from the local command

What has the Coast Guard done (cont.)?

- Immediate notification to Employee Assistance Program Coordinator (EAPC)
- Employee Assistance Program Coordinators trained to:
  - Assist commands in the proper support of the victim
  - Provide case management
- Victim Advocacy-Victim Support Person
- Services with Team Approach, Coast Guard Intelligence Service, EAPC, Medical, Legal and Chaplain
- Mandatory annual training: Awareness, Prevention, Rapist Profile

Mandatory Annual Training

- Individual Commands
  - Employee Assistance Program Coordinators (EAPC) provide and/or coordinate sexual assault awareness and prevention training
  - Addiction Prevention Specialists (APS) discuss the relationship of alcohol to sexual assault

Accession Points Training

- Officer Candidate School
  - Intro to CGA Instruction on Rape and Sexual Assault
- TRACEN Cape May
  - Hour-long training in week 4 with 10 question test
- Coast Guard Academy (CGA)
  - Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF)
    - comprised of cadets
    - an important training resource at CGA

Command Responsibility

- Ensure safety of victim
- Immediately notify CGIS/EAPC
- Notify medical for any required first aid
- Victim will be taken to local community medical facility for Forensic Rape Exams
- If requested by victim, assign a Victim Support Person to accompany member at all times
- Do not permit member to change clothes or shoes, shower, wash hands or brush teeth if within the first 24 hours of the rape or sexual assault

Command Responsibility (cont.)

- If the consumption of alcohol by the victim is a factor in the assault, the consumption of alcohol will be handled as an alcohol related situation vice an alcohol incident and the victim will be referred for screening and treatment if necessary
- Immediately reassign duties if victim and alleged perpetrator work together
- Be prepared to geographically reassign victim or alleged perpetrator as recommended by the EAPC

Summary

- Zero Tolerance
- Notification and Investigation by CGIS
- Immediate Notification to EAPC
- Notification to Legal
- Victim Support, Case Management
- Alcohol Non-Punitive

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